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1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF EXTRACT FROM EHOECU-
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TIVE DIRECTOR STRONG'S OPENING STATEMENT TO 3RD SES-
SION OF UNEP GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, APRIL 17/ RELATING
TO LOS CONFERENCE AND ENVIRONMENT:

QUOTE THERE ARE, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS IN WHICH I BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS TO DATE HAS NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY, AND TO WHICH I WOULD ESPECIALLY COMMEND THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. THESE INCLUDE: INCORPORATION IN THE AGREEMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE OF ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF OCEANS AND THEIR LIVING RESOURCES. BASED ON THE DEEP INTEREST WHICH THE GOVERNING COUNCIL REGISTERED IN THIS MATTER AT ITS LAST SESSION, I PRESENTED TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, AT CARACAS, SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES IN THE AGREEMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION. BUT I REGRET TO SAY THAT, NEITHER AT CARACAS NOR YET AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE RECEIVING THE ATTENTION AND PRIORITY THEY DESERVE. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED - INDEED ALARMED - THAT WE ARE THUS IN DANGER OF ALLOWING SHORT-TERM, AND PERHAPS ILLUSORY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS TO OVER-RIDE THE LARGER AND LONGER TERM INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN COMMUNITY IN ASSURING THAT DEVELOPMENT OF OCEAN RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE SEA BED, IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY DEGRADATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, ITS LIFE-SUPPORTING SYSTEMS AND IS LIVING RESOURCES. IN OUR OWN INTERESTS AND THOSE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS, SURELY THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY AND A RESPONSIBILITY - WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO SET ASIDE. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD URGE THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT THIS SESSION TO REGISTER ITS DEEP CONCERN WITH THIS MATTER AND BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE NOW MEETING IN GENEVA. END QUOTE.

2. DELEGATION ANTICIPATES THAT REQUEST IN LAST SENTENCE FOR GC III ACTION WILL BE GENERALLY ENDORSED. DELEGATION WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED ON FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS ISSUE. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON U.S. POSITION THIS ISSUE.

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